

Maricopa County Education Service Agency





Homeschool Resource Directory



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In helping to serve your needs, this directory has been produced as a tool for homeschooling. As a government agency, our department does not endorse any of the resources listed.

SECTION ONE: Requested Curriculum, Resource Groups & Correspondence Programs

Requested Curriculum by Homeschooling Families:

- ♦ Apologia Science
- ♦ Abeka
- ♦ Alpha Omega Lifepacs
- ♦ Bob Jones Curriculum
- ♦ Calvert Curriculum
- ♦ Christian Liberty Press
- Christian Light Education
- ♦ Math U See
- Classical Curricula
- ♦ My Fathers World
- Sonlight
- Saxon Math
- ♦ Konos Curriculum
- ♦ Five In A Row
- ♦ Teaching Textbooks
- ♦ Pearson
- ♦ Houghton Mifflin
- ♦ Mc Graw Hill
- ♦ Switched On Schoolhouse

Each family has unique curriculum needs. The home educator will make the final decision.



High School/Correspondence Program Resources

- Alpha Omega Academy Fully accredited online and mail correspondence courses available for grades K-12.
 (800) 682-7396 http://www.aoacademy.com
- <u>American School</u> Accredited correspondence high school diploma program. Call for a free brochure and information. (866) 260-7221 http://www.americanschoolofcorr.com
- <u>Blueprint Education</u> Fully accredited online and on-site courses available for grades 7-12. (602) 674-5555 <u>http://www.blueprinteducation.org</u>
- <u>BYU Independent Study</u> Brigham Young University high school online independent study online program.
 (800) 914-8931 http://ce.byu.edu
- <u>GED Testing</u> GED testing information for all of the valley. This is the GED testing department at the Arizona Department of Education.

(602) 258-2410 <u>http://ade.az.gov/adult-ed/</u>

- NCA Commission on Accreditation North Central Association can provide verification of accreditation for K12 programs and post-secondary schools.
 (800) 525-9517 http://www.ncacasi.org
- <u>Calvert School</u> Correspondence school for grades K-8. (410) 243-6054 <u>http://www.calvertschool.org</u>
- <u>Arizona Agribusiness and Equine Center High School</u> An accredited high school program featuring college courses.

(602) 297-8500 http://www.aaechighschools.com/



Central Valley Resources

- * <u>Covenant Home School Resource Center</u> We equip home school families with various resources needed to successfully complete your homeschooling journey. Classes, equipment, standardized testing, etc. available. (602) 277-3497 http://www.chsrc.org/
- * HECP (Home Education of Central Phoenix) A non-denominational Christian homeschool support group. They offer parent-direct co-op classes, regular educational field trips, as well as excellent opportunities to build long-lasting friendships with other homeschooling families. http://www.homeschool-life.com/az/hecp
- * GPHS (Greater Phoenix Area Homeschoolers- Support for Homeschooling families in the greater Phoenix Area -http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GPHS/
- * VHE (Valley Home Educators-an inclusive, cooperative group supporting homeschooling families with infants to teens in Phoenix. http://www.vhe.brayehost.com/

East Valley Resources

- <u>Eastside Explorers</u> Regularly scheduled parent support meetings, monthly park days, field trips, special events, monthly newsletter, membership directory, and a calendar. http://www.homeschool-life.com/az/eastsideexplorers/
- <u>EVCHE East Valley Christian Home Educators</u> Monthly events with different topics/speakers, social gatherings, field trips, and newsletters.

 http://www.homeschool-life.com/az/evche/
- <u>Fit For Service</u> A physical education co-op where parents are involved in teaching. Different sports each month, a mile run, mom's chats, mom's exercise class, seasonal parties and social. We provide all equipment and some training. http://www.evche.org
- **L.D.S. Home School Support Group** Variety of activities and classes for K-8. (480) 834-4699 *Micki.oliphant@gmail.com*
- <u>Casa Vida Enrichment Center</u> Art, P.E., technology, science, and communication arts classes are offered. (480) 783-1448 http://www.kyrene.org/casavida/
- <u>Eagleridge Enrichment Program</u> Program designed to meet the needs of homeschoolers grades K-9. Eagleridge also offers a ninth-grade transitions program for home school students.

 (480) 472-3685 http://www.mpsaz.org/eagleridge/
- <u>APPHLES</u> (Arizona Parents Providing a Home Learning Environment & Support) Gilbert Area.*
 We welcome all families that share a vision for building a close-knit family cooperative through social activities and enrichment opportunities and cultivating relationships and connections to last a lifetime. http://www.apphles.com

North Valley Resources

- ◆ <u>Desert Foothills Community Education</u> Events, classes, tutoring, academic courses, science camp, fine arts center, performing arts, summer camp programs for PK-adults.
 (480) 575-2000
- <u>Desert Hills Christian Homeschoolers</u> Field trips, P.E. class, fellowship meetings, mentor moms, co-ops, field day, recognition ceremony, and more.

(623) 465-7561 http://dhch.org

- Pioneers Small group with weekly activities, field trips, and much more.
 (480) 488-4270
- ♦ NVHE (North Valley Home Educators—MVP (Maturing Valuable People) program. Monthly field trips, spelling bee, science fair, talent show, picture day, newsletters, yearbook and lots of fellowship.

 (623) 376-2667
- ◆ <u>Career Success Schools</u>—Offerring electives ranging in classes like business programs, Vet Tech, landscape design, art, ceramics, jewelry making, cosmetology, and medical assistance. Contact Maureen Racz for information.

 (480-) 575-0075 mracz@csschools.com
- ◆ <u>Christ's Church of The Valley Home School Group</u>—support for moms, activities, park days, field trips and more. The annual fee for participation is \$15 per family for the year regardless of when the family joins. Contact Pam Spinker at spinkerip@cox.net. (North West Valley)

West Valley Resources

- <u>The Dove of Praise Homeschool Academy</u>— Providing support with assessments, academic support, field trips and social activities. Laveen Area*

 (602) 237-9882
- <u>Arizona Sonshine Home Educators</u> Provide monthly field trips, weekly P.E., and monthly ministry projects. (623) 773-1213 or (623) 412-3940 <u>http://members.cox.net/azsonshine</u>
- <u>Buckeye Valley Home Educators</u> Christian based support groups with monthly meetings, field trips, and an e-mail newsletter.

(623) 327-3950 <u>http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BVHE</u>

- <u>Divine Mercy Home Educators</u> Providing support and information to homeschooling families through a variety of educational and relational opportunities and activities. Monthly planning meetings and weekly park days.

 (623) 386-0119
 kimlilley@cox.net

West Valley Resources

• <u>Hope and Grace Homeschool Fellowship</u> — Monthly field trips, quarterly mom's nights, seasonal parties, prayer chain, park days, and curriculum fair.

(602) 246-7003

• <u>Indigo Home Learners</u> — Weekly Friday park days, organized field trips, large group events, mom's discussion, and mom's night out.

(602) 358-5408 http://www.indigohomelearners.com

• <u>J.O.Y. Homeschool Network</u> — We are a Christ centered support group that meets weekly in Northwest Phoenix. We offer P.E. through AIT, field trips, social activities, and fellowship.

(623) 486-1619 www.geocities.com/joyhomeschoolgroup

- New Hope Homeschoolers Christian group offering co-op classes, student council, field trips, science and history fairs, and other activities.

 (623) 780-1754
- <u>N & W Homeschoolers</u> American day, literature/hero day, field day, nature hikes, and other service activities.

(623) 780-9877

 <u>Palmcroft Recreation Program</u> — Various classes that supplement a homeschooler's academics in classroom like settings.

(623) 516-2270

• <u>West Side Home Educators</u> — We offer educational and social activities, field trips, park day, a history fair, spelling bee, science fair, Thanksgiving potluck, and more.

(623) 487-3068 http://members.cox.net/wshel/index.htm

 WVCH - (West Valley Christian Homeschoolers) — Weekly academic co-op classes, park day, and P.E. Monthly fieldtrips and community service opportunities. Yearbook, recognition night, and yearly holiday parties.

http://www.wvchristianhomeschoolers.org

• <u>GIFT (Growing In Friendship Together)</u> — A support group for homeschooled teen girls, ages 14-18. They meet twice per month, on Fridays, for the purpose of allowing our teen girls to develop strong peer friendships with other homeschooled teens, while engaging a wide variety of fun crafts and activities together.

bnatural@cox.net

• **K.E.Y.S of Arizona** – K.E.Y.S of Arizona offers a wide array of classes and workshops to help support families during the latter stages of their homeschool adventures. K.E.Y.S. organizes outside activities that create a perfect setting to make life-long friends. Please call or visit our website: www.keysofaz.com (623) 826-9467

SECTION TWO:

Extra Curricular Activities



Adventures and Outdoor

Arizona Edventures — Educational adventures and field trip ideas. http://www.ArizonaEdventures.com

<u>Lake Pleasant Desert Outdoors Center</u> — Outdoor education program for homeschoolers. (602) 372-7470 http://www.maricopa.gov/parks/doc/

AZ Game & Fish Department—Courses, Information, Recreation and Environmental Science. (602) 942-3000 http://www.azgfd.gov

<u>Stargazing For Everyone</u>—professional stargazers instruct and teach both children and adults about the stars and planets of the universe. Meets at various locations through out the valley. Professional Telescopes are used to view the sky. Contact: Tony and Carole La Conte (623) 979-1393 or email: <u>Tony@stargazingforeveryone.com</u>

Brain Builders

Harmonic House of Chess/Chevalier Noir Academy
 — Instruction for beginner through advance levels of chess. Fundamental rules, tactics and strategies are stressed as well as good sportsmanship. Those interested in competitive play can look forward to an opportunity to progress to the next level while the recreational player can expect a fun, relaxed environment. (Chess club meets in the East Valley) (480) 641-1277

Politics

- <u>HomeSTARS Homeschool Teenage Republicans</u> Home school teens (ages 13-19) interested in politics process and learn more about American government. Hear from speakers, participate in model legislatures, attend rallies, and meet political leaders. (480) 838-5966
- <u>Kids Voting</u> An introduction to the concept of voting in elections. Educational materials and curriculum available to homeschoolers. (602) 773-3458 www.kidsvoteaz.org
- <u>Teen Voting</u> —For Teens/Young Adults <u>studentvoting.org</u>
- National Student/Parent Mock Election—http://www.nationalmockelection.org/

Health

- <u>Maricopa County Health Department</u>—Classes, information for teens/kids on safety, oral health, nutrition and provides current public health updates. (602) 506-6900 http://www.maricopa.gov/public_health/community

Sports and Fitness

- Get Fit with Kyna

 —Fun, fitness training and activities for home schooled students.
 (602) 348-2330 www.getfitwithkyna.com
- The Kids Fitness Institute—Fitness classes at a center committed to physical activity in children. State of the art equipment and programs available. (480) 951-7177 www.TFiaz.com/kids
- Sport Kidz AZ Homeschool sports and recreation organization that works with local homeschool groups and individual families. Dates and times vary. Call for more details.
 (623) 810-4662 http://www.sportskidzaz.com
- YMCA-Valley Wide—Classes and organized sports for all ages. http://www.valleyymca.org

Music and Theater

- Musical Surprise
 —Private lessons in piano, voice, and guitar. Music therapy for children with special needs.

 Various group classes also available. (623) 544-4200 www.musicalsurprise.com
- Spotlight Theater Ministries Providing opportunities for acting and productions support for homeschoolers ages 10 and up. (480) 813-7330
- <u>Beyond Drum Lessons</u>—Bucket drumming ensembles and private drum and percussion instruction for all ages and abilities. Contact Stephen Flinn for more information.(480) 310-2954 <u>www.beyonddrumlessons.com</u>
- <u>Phoenix Music Teachers Association (PMTA</u>)—Find a teacher near you, lessons, scholarships, events, etc. <u>http://phoenixmusicteachers.org</u>
- Boogie Music Stores—Musical instrument rentals, sales and lessons. 3552 W. Cactus Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85029 (602) 978-6688 www.boogiemusic.com
- <u>Child's Play Theatre</u>—classes for acting, plays and student performances. Mitchell Park 900 S. Mitchell Dr. Tempe, AZ 85281 (480)921-5700
- MoezArt Productions, Inc. Classes in Phoenix, Glendale, Surprise, Scottsdale and Chandler. http://moezartproductions.com
- Phoenix Children's Chorus—A culturally diverse choir of over 300 boys and girls in 2nd 12th grade Contact: www.pcchorus.org or call 602-534-3788.

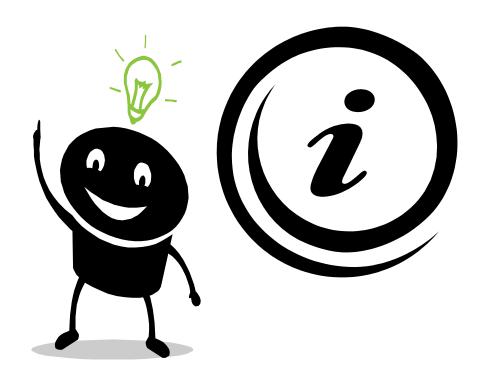
Miscellaneous/Additional Support

Please see the MCESA Web Resources Page online for lesson plan help, special needs and college prep http://www.maricopa.gov/schools

- ♦ National Challenged Homeschoolers Associated Network (NATHAN) Supports Families with special needs (208) 267-6246 http://www.nathhan.com
- ♦ Homeschooling Special Needs Students— www.hslda.org/strugglinglearner/default.asp
- **National Black Home Educators** (NBHE)—<u>www.nbhe.net</u>
- Holly Craw Home Education Services— Partnering with parents for educational excellence: Standardized testing, Transcript preparation, Parent workshops and Homeschool consultation. Avaliable valley wide. (602) 942-7296 modernhomeschooler@cox.net
- ♦ <u>Home School Directory</u>—Great information <u>http://www.HomeEDdirectory.com</u>
- ♦ Washington Elementary School District Home schooled students are welcome for after school and evening programs. Gymnastics, science, performing arts, karate, mad science, book club, math magic, and more.(602) 347-2682 www.wesdschools.org Or Home School On-line Curriculum call (602)347-2663 or register at: currlm@wesdschools.org
- ♦ <u>Deer Valley Unified School District</u>— Community Education/Enrichment Classes for grades K-12 and Adults. Call (623) 445-5019 <u>www.dvusd.org/communityed</u>
- ◆ Teaching Stuff Teaching Tools—Lesson Planners, Posters, Charts, etc. 75th Avenue Bell Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85003 (602) 298-8440 or (602) 589-0277
- <u>Luke Air Force Base Families</u>- The Center provides this assistance in several basic ways: evaluation (assessment), education (resources), support groups, and special needs programs. (623) 856-6550
- ♦ <u>Mommy Cards</u> (623) 693-4911 <u>azmommycards@yahoo.com</u>
- ◆ Public Libraries Maricopa County library (602) 652-3000 www.mcldaz.org

SECTION THREE:

Homeschool Informational Resources



• <u>AFHE (Arizona Families for Home Education)</u> — A statewide organization that serves the needs and protects the rights of Arizona homeschool families. AFHE is a non-profit educational corporation directed by a Christian board. AFHE membership is open to all homeschooling parents in Arizona.

(602) 235-2673 <u>htt</u>

http://www.afhe.org

• **H.E.N.A.** (**Home Education Network of Arizona**) — An inclusive statewide organization that respects, values, and finds strength in diversity. We are neutral in matters of religion and partisan politics and we respect each other's educational choices. HENA's mission is to create an environment in which all home educating families in Arizona can share resources, find support, and build community.

http://www.hena.us

• <u>Knowledge House Learning Resource Center</u> — Multi-purpose homeschool resource center offering a lending library, supplementary classes, play room, standardized testing, honor society, and online resources.

http://www.knowledgehouse.info

• <u>Home School Inc.</u> — Offers a website featuring a free web-based planned, a college corner, resources for new homeschoolers, an online bookstore, and more helpful tools.

(800) 760-7015 http://www.home-school-inc.com

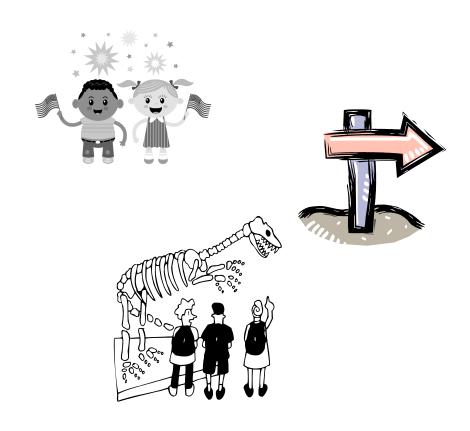
• <u>HSLDA (Home School Legal Defense Association)</u> — National homeschool legal defense group that protects homeschool rights and freedoms. Membership is required.

http://www.hslda.org





<u>SECTION FOUR:</u> Museums & Field Trip Ideas



<u>Arizona Museum Natural History</u> — Arizona's premier museum of cultural and natural history, exploring the southwest's history from time before the dinosaurs to present day. Group rate discounts.

(480) 644-2230 http://www.azmnh.org

<u>Phoenix Art Museum</u> — Home school family programs for all grade levels. Art classes taught by professional artists and teachers, workshops, and internship opportunities.

(602) 257-1222 http://www.phxart.org

<u>Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum</u> — Mineral displays, museum store, outside exhibits, mineral resource information office. (602) 771-1600 <u>http://www.admmr.state.az.us/General/museum.html</u>

<u>City of Phoenix Police Museum</u> — Free tours. Call for more information.

(602) 534-7278 http://www.phoenixpolicemuseum.com/

<u>Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting</u> — Fire and safety programs, story hour for home school students age 3-6, guided tours for ages 6-12, workshops with hands-on firefighting equipment and fire trucks for ages 7-12. Education provided by a certified teacher and/or firefighter. (602) 275-3473 http://www.hallofflame.org/

Arizona Science Center—Home School Connections experience includes hands-on science explorations for parents and children. Classes are daily from mid-August to mid-May. (602) 716-2000 ext. 2556 campbellm@azscience.org

<u>Challenger Space Center</u>—Educational programs, camps, memberships, gift shop and much more. 21170 N 83rd Avenue, Peoria, AZ 85382 (623)322-2001

<u>Musical Instrument Museum</u>—museum, music theater, programs and group tours. (480)478-6000 4725 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85050

Shemer Art Center & Museum—museum, classes or instruction and admission is free. 5005 E. Camelback Rd. Phoenix. AZ 85018 (602)262-4727

<u>Pioneer Living History Village</u>—restaurant, historical buildings, antiques, blacksmith and picnic area. 3901 W. Pioneer Rd., Phoenix, AZ. 85027 (623)465-1052

<u>Deer Valley Rock Art Center</u>— A 47-acre historical site, museum, petroglyphs, exhibits and gift shop. 3711 W. Deer Valley Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85080 (623)582-8007

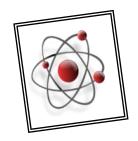
<u>Pueblo Grande Museum and Archaeological Park</u>—built on 1500 year old Hohokam Indian ruins, exhibits, crafts, arts and archaeology information. 4619 E. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85034 (602)495-0900

<u>Rosson House</u>—Constructed in 1895 in Eastlake style, octagonal tower, ten rooms with guided tours.113 N. 6th Street, Historic Heritage Square, Phoenix, AZ 85004 (602) 261-8063

<u>Arizona Capitol Museum</u>— Once served as the state capitol, museum, historical documents on display, state's history, congressional chambers, USS Arizona display and more. 1700 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007 (602) 926-3620



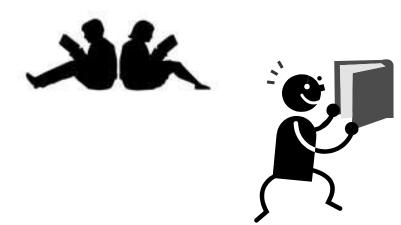






SECTION FIVE:

Homeschool and Kid Friendly Magazines



Home Schooling Magazines

• <u>Home Schooling Today</u>—Subscription includes 6 issues per year, multiple year subscriptions available. Subscription price for one year is \$21.99.

www.homeschooltoday.com

• <u>The Old Schoolhouse</u>—Subscription includes four quarterly editions per year, multiple year subscriptions available. Subscription price for one year is \$25.00.

www.theoldschoolhousestore.com

• <u>Home School Enrichment Magazine</u>—Subscription includes 6 issues per year, multiple year subscriptions available. Subscription for one year is \$21.97.

https://homeschoolenrichment.com

• <u>Practical Homeschooling Magazine</u>—Subscription includes 6 issues per year, multiple year subscriptions available. Subscription price for one year is \$19.95.

http://home-school.com

• <u>Home Education Magazine</u>—Subscription includes 6 issues per year, multiple year subscriptions available. Subscription price for one year is \$26.00.

www.homeedmag.com

• <u>Jewish Home Educators' Network</u>—Subscription includes four quarterly editions per year, multiple year subscriptions available. Subscription price for one year is \$18.00.

http://snj.com/jhen

Kids' Magazines

• <u>Kids Discover</u>—Subscription includes 12 issues per year, multiple year subscriptions available. Subscription price for one year is \$19.95.

www.kidsdiscover.com

• <u>Highlights</u>—Subscription includes 12 issues per year, multiple year subscriptions available. Subscription price for one year is \$29.64.

www.highlights.com

• <u>Creative Kids Magazine</u>—Subscription includes 4 quarterly editions per year, multiple year subscriptions available. Subscription price for one year is \$19.95.

www.prufrock.com/client/client_pages/prufrock_jm_createkids.cfm

• <u>National Geographic Kids</u>—Subscription includes 10 issues per year, multiple year subscriptions available. Subscription price for one year is \$15.00.

www.kids.nationalgeographic.com

• Ranger Rick—Subscription includes 12 issues per year, multiple year subscriptions available. Subscription price for one year is \$19.95.

www.nwf.org/gowild/

• <u>Sports Illustrated Kids</u>—Subscription includes 12 issues per year, multiple year subscriptions available. Subscription price for one year is \$24.95.

www.sikids.com

SECTION SIX:

Helpful Online Educational Resources





• <u>Discovery Education (Power Media Plus)</u> - This site offers thousands of educational video clips, photos, online lesson plans, and online units of study. The site also offers personalized quizzes or premade quizzes based on units of study covered with their online tools. Educational pod casting is available for publishing and locating of educational information.

www.powermediaplus.com

<u>Discovery Education</u>— This site has FREE resources like articles, lesson plans, videos on subjects
that students struggle with, teacher tools, project ideas, etc. This site is full to the brim with educational ideas and helpful hints.

http://discoveryeducation.com

- <u>Stossel In The Classroom</u>—This site features teacher guides and resources produced by John Stossel from the popular 20/20 television show. The resources here deal mostly with economics and politics for students. There are also DVD videos dealing with the same topics available for purchase.

 http://stosselintheclassroom.org
- <u>Encarta by MSN</u>—This site is not just a giant encyclopedia, but it also has a dictionary, an atlas, quizzes, and a homework help section. This site's main attraction is the encyclopedia that has over 42,000 articles total along with photos and videos on just about any subject.

http://encarta.msn.com

• <u>Kids Know It Network</u>—This site offers mini-lessons on a variety of topics from animals to spelling and everything in between. They also have pod casts and free online videos and educational games for children. The site also offers online tutoring for your students via a real time online whiteboard and a tutor that is matched to your child.

www.kidsknowit.com

- <u>FunBrain</u>—This site has lots of educational games for children that boost their understanding of many subjects like grammar and math. There is also a movie section for the children. There is a teacher section that offers an online grade book, a curriculum guide and a homework relief center. www.funbrain.com
- Moore's Reminders Math help flash cards and helpers.

 (901) 405-4588 http://www.mathhelpcards.com
- <u>ABC Teach</u>—This site is geared for teachers, not the students. This site has printable theme units, puzzles, and lesson plan ideas. The site lets you search by subject and lets you access lots of printable pages and has links to other helpful sites for teachers.

http://abcteach.com

• <u>Five Star Educational</u>—This site is geared toward students and offers online homework help, online reference materials, educational games, and even a family resource center. There are also project and craft ideas for students.

www.fivestareducational.com/studentlinks.html

"Any place that anyone young can learn something useful from someone with experience is an educational institution."

~Al Capp



If you would like your home school resource listed or if you have a home school resource to share, call (602) 506-3144 or email: veronica.fabela@mcesa.maricopa.gov

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We would love to hear from you!